

are not clearly distinguishable as supplementary segments and alternipetalous segments (Fig. 1-B). In this case the true alternipetalous nature of corona segment is not observed, only an inner series of corona segments of variable lengths (not exceeding 2 mm) and an outer series of antepetalous segments are seen.

These interesting observations can be interpreted as a result of hybridization as suggested

ed by Pgan or due to aberration.

The specimen (Nayar 153166) is deposited in the herbarium of the Botanical Survey of India, Poona (BSI).

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29. *VERNONIA CHINENSIS* LESS.—A NEW RECORD FOR ANDAMANS

Vernonia chinensis Less. is known from Malay peninsula, Burma, China and Philippines. During re-organisation work we noticed a few specimens collected from South Andaman which after critical study were identified as *Vernonia chinensis*; a first record for Andaman.

The plant is characterised by tomentose slender, terete branches, leaves petioled elliptic or ovate-elliptic 2.5-7.5 cm. × 1.5-3.5 cm., puberulous, serrate, bracts pubescent, lanceolate, awned, receptacle pitted, achene small, 4-5 ribbed, glabrous.

Vernonia chinensis Less. in *Linnaea*, IV.

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674, *Miq. Flor. Ind.* II p. 18; Clarke, comp. *Ind.* 18:1876; *Flora Brit. Ind.* 3; 235: 1881. *Cyamosa pubescens* and *Cyanopsis villosa* DC., v. p. 69; *Conyza punctulata*, Wall. list 2995.

Specimens examined:

Tavoy, 4 nov. 1829, Wall. list 2995; Burma, *Kurz* 843, *Kurz* 2237 (CAL); Malay Peninsula, *King's collector* 1120 (CAL), *Hook.* 1325 (CAL). Philippines, *Elmer* 8209, *Lohr* 3686, *Kobbi* 6582 (CAL); Andaman: North Bay, Hill jungle, *Dr. King's Collector*, 8-9-1895, s.n. (CAL).

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